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SUBJECT: CHILE COUP STIRS MINOR RIPPLES OF LOCAL INTERST

1. TO PLEASANT SURPRISE OF BOTH EMBASSY AND USIS, LOCAL REACTION TO CHILE COUP HAS BEEN LESS THAN EXPECTED. ALL PAPERS INITIALLY RAN CARTOONS FROM ATHENS PRESS BLAMING USG IN GENERAL, CIA IN PARTICULAR FOR CHILE COUP. LEFTWING "TA NEA" AND COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" RAN STRONG EDITORIALS ON THIS THEME. HOWEVER, TO DATE NEITHER EMBASSY NOR USIS HAS RECEIVED SINGLE CARD, LETTER, OR CABLE OF PROTEST.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF BLISTERING "HARAVGHI" EDITORIAL SEPT 13, EVEN PREDICTABLE PRESS OPPOSITION HAS NOT USED OVERLY OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMUNIST PARTY AKEL CONTAINED ONE REFERENCE TO AMERICAN CIA AS INSTIGATOR OF COUP.

3. SEPT 18, FIVE LEFT-WING ORGANIZATIONS--POGO (COMMUNIST WOMEN'S FEDERATION), EDON (COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUP), EDEN (YOUTH GROUP OF RABID LEFT-WING LYSSARIDES), PEO (COMMUNIST LABOR UNION) WORKING YOUTH, AND EKA (COMMUNIST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FARMERS UNION)--STAGED ORDERLY AND MINUSCULE PARADE WITH PICKET SIGNS ON LEDRA STREET FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION SESSION ON EVENTS IN

CHILE. MARCHERS ISSUED DECLARATION WHICH MIRRORED COMMON THEMES ON LOCAL LEFT-WING RESPONSE TO CHILE COUP: (1) DEFIANCE TO FASCISM, (2) CYPRUS FACES SIMILAR DANGERS FROM IMPERIALIST CAMP, (3) SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE OF CHILE, AND (4) CIA IN DEVIL'S ROLE ("...THE REAL INSPIRERS AND ORGANIZERS OF THE COUP D'ETAT, THE AMERICAN CIA, THIS DEADLY ENEMY OF ALL PEOPLES.")

4. COMMENT: GROUPS AND PAPERS INVOLVED PROTESTED ALONG PREDICTABLE LINES AND PUBLIC HAS TAKEN LITTLE NOTICE. PER USUAL, MOST CYPRIOTS LITTLE INTERESTED IN OFF-ISLAND ACTIVITIES. END COMMENT.
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